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In re Patent Application of:
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For: RUBBER COMPOSITION CONTAINING
MODIFIED CONJUGATED DIENE-BASED
POLYMER BONDED TO FULLERENE

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111 (NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION)

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 19, 2007 in the above-captioned case.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.